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ACTION DLOS-04

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-07 AGR-05 AID-05

CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00 CIAE-00 CIEP-01 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 EB-07 EPA-01 ERDA-05 FMC-01 TRSE-00 H-02

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8441

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PLOS, DM

SUBJ: SECOND SESSION- LOS CONFERENCE

REF STATE 99357,

1. IN THE ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY OF FORNMIN ALLADAYE, DEMARCHE ON SECOND NEGOTIATING SESSION MADE APRIL 27 ON FORN-MINISTRY DIRGEN. LATTER WAS ASSISTED BY WORKING-LEVEL MIN-ISTRY OFFICIAL HANDLINGS LOS.

2. DIRGEN WAS ALMOST TOTALLY IGNORANT OF LOS. INFORMATION THAT TREATY WOULD NOT BE SIGNED BY MAY 7 WAS NEWS TO HIM. HE WOULDNOT COMMIT BENIN TO ANY POSITION ON SECOND SESSION, BUT SAID WOULD CONSULT WITH ITS DEL IN NEW YORK.

3. WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL WHO WAS SLIGHTLY BETTER INFORMED, EVEN AFTER HEARING POINTS COVERED IN REFTEL WAS WELL AS REVIEW OF SOME OF THE SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 PROPOSALS (STATE 84997),  
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INTIMATED THAT USG HAD SELFISH MOTIVES OF WANTING "TO RUSH

AHEAD TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT". THERE ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES TO RESOLVE, HE SAID, AND THEREFORE ADEUATE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STUDY THEM. HE REFERRED BACK TO US POSITION AT THE LAST LOS SESSION IN GENEVA THAT A TREATY MUST BE SIGNED THIS YEAR AS AN ULTIMATUM.

4. BENIN IS NOT LIKELY TO DEVELOP ITS OWN POSITION ON THE PROPOSED SECOND SESSION. AS IS MOST OFTEN THE CASE, IT WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE G-77 SUCH AS ALGERIA.  
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